

Memorandum

TO:

City Council

FROM:

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COPIES TO:

City Clerk, City Attorney

SUBJECT:

Council Interests

DATE:

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I hope you enjoyed your week. In today's memo you will find information on Ocean View baseball fields and more.

Ocean View Baseball Fields: Staff has started survey work to improve the fields at Ocean Air Elementary. Work will commence soon on two new large baseball fields and two t-ball fields. In addition to field improvements, new fencing, infield and dirt is included. The goal is to have the work completed by the end of March. In the future, new lights and water connections will be added.

Project Dashboard: In an effort to keep Council and the public informed on major projects around the city, the Public Works Department is introducing eBuilder. The new reporting system will improve accountability, communication, collaboration and process automation. David Ricks, Director of Public Works, is providing Council a preview at Tuesday's meeting.

Red Light Camera Update: Staff is compiling data on the two intersections and will provide you the information once complete.

Cottage Cove Abatement: According the 2012 Virginia Construction Code, for single-family dwellings or residential housing with four or fewer units, certification of inspection from the owner (or his agent) is not required unless the renovation or demolition of such buildings is for commercial or public development purposes.

43rd **Street Parking:** A meeting is being planned with the Lambert's Point Civic League and the 43rd Street Homeowner's Association. In anticipation of the meeting Neighborhood Development is working with the City Attorney's Office as well as the Planning Department and Parking to develop options for increased parking along this corridor. Council will be updated once a resolution has been reached.

Utilities Team to Represent Virginia at National Competition: Along with the best tasting drinking water, Norfolk's Department of Utilities can also boast that it has the state's best waterworks operators. Norfolk's operators beat a team from Spotsylvania to earn the city's first-ever first place finish in the Virginia Section American Water Works Association (AWWA) Top Ops competition.



(From left) McKinley Cashwell, Ben Bolinaga and Rachel Calcagni will represent Virginia at a national competition in June.